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Presented for filing is a new divisional patent application of:

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Title: D-AMINOACYLASE AND ENCODING GENE

The prior application is assigned of record to Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.,
a Japan corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and
Trademark Office and recorded on July 13, 2001 at 011980/0164.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date
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	<u>Pages</u>
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Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 5 pages.
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This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/770,517, filed January 26, 2001, and further claims priority from Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-019080, filed January 27, 2000; and 2000-150578, filed May 22, 2000 (certified copies of which were filed in the parent application). The disclosures of the prior applications are considered part of (and are incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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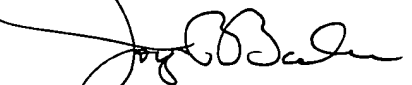
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